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HB 3043-S by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representative H. Sommers; by request of Office of Financial Management)

Reconciling actual annual revenues and the expenditure limit.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that during each fiscal year, the state treasurer shall deposit in the emergency reserve fund all general fund--state revenues in excess of the state expenditure limit for that fiscal year. Deposits shall be made at the end of each fiscal quarter based on projections of state revenues and the state expenditure limit. The treasurer shall make transfers between these accounts as necessary to reconcile actual annual revenues and the expenditure limit.

Declares that the emergency reserve fund balance shall not exceed five percent of annual general fund--state revenues as projected by the official state revenue forecast. Any balance in excess of five percent shall be transferred on a quarterly basis by the state treasurer to the education construction fund hereby created in the treasury.

Declares that this act applies to account transfers occurring in fiscal year 1999 and thereafter.

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Mar 6 APP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

HB 3121-S by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Huff, Lisk, Pennington, Radcliff, Mastin, McMorris, Lambert, Woods, Benson, Delvin, Skinner, Bush, Wensman, Boldt, Barlean, Thomas, Parlette, Pflug, Fortunato, Cairnes, Talcott, Mulliken and Esser)

Strengthening the state expenditure limit.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes a state expenditure limit committee for the purpose of determining and adjusting the state expenditure limit as provided in chapter 43.135 RCW. The members of the state expenditure limit committee are the director of financial management, the state treasurer, and the chairs of the senate committee on ways and means and the house of representatives committee on appropriations. All actions of the state expenditure limit committee taken pursuant to this act require an affirmative vote of at least three members.

Provides that, if, by November 30th, the state expenditure limit committee has not adopted the expenditure limit adjustment and projected expenditure limit as provided in this act, the treasurer shall adjust or project the expenditure limit, as necessary.

Declares that, for the purposes of this act, a transfer of money from the state general fund to another fund or account includes any state legislative action taken after July 1, 2000, that has the effect of reducing revenues from a particular source, where such revenues would otherwise be deposited into the state general fund, while increasing the revenues from that particular source to another state or local government account.

Declares that if the cost of any state program or function is shifted to the state general fund on or after January 1, 2000, from another source of funding, or if moneys are transferred to the state general fund from another fund or account, the state expenditure limit committee, acting pursuant to RCW 43.135.025(5), shall increase the state expenditure limit to reflect the shift.

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Mar 6 APP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

Senate Bills

SB 6862 by Senator Thibaudeau

Creating the Washington assistive technology access fund. Finds that providing meaningful access to appropriate assistive technology for senior citizens and children and adults with disabilities is a matter of public interest.

Finds that current public and private funding sources are inadequate, or not suited to meet the assistive technology needs of many sectors of the population, or both, and that it is necessary for the state to establish a program that will facilitate the development of alternative financing arrangements to help individuals with disabilities acquire the assistive technology they need for education, employment, health care, independent living, transportation, and recreation.

Establishes the Washington assistive technology access fund.

Provides that the fund shall be administered by the state treasurer. Programs and activities sponsored through the fund shall be administered by the Washington assistive technology alliance within the division of vocational rehabilitation. The Washington assistive technology alliance is authorized and directed to solicit matching federal and private sector dollars, to contract with other public and private entities, to establish policies and regulations concerning program eligibility and procedures, and to undertake all other activities necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

Requires the director of the division of vocational rehabilitation to appoint an assistive technology access fund committee.

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Mar 7 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.